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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES THROUGH NGOS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the schemes for Scheduled Tribes are being implemented through NGOs;

(b) if so,whether the grant provided and results achieved through NGOs do not commensurate with expected results;

(c) if so,the reasons therefore and reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government proposes to review the functioning of NGOs;

(e) if so,the details thereof and changes proposed for better implementation of the schemes through NGOs;

(f) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to involve Gram Samitis,self help groups and other Panchayati Raj Institutions for the welfare of weaker sections of the society through the funds being provided to NGOs;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the steps taken to ensure that funds given to NGOs for welfare activities are spent judiciously with result?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) No,Sir.The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing only the following four schemes through NGOs:

(i) Grant-in-aid to Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes (STs) including Coaching & Allied scheme and Award for Exemplary Services.

(ii) Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas.

(iii) Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas.

(iv) Development of Primitive Tribal Groups.

(b)&(h) Grants-in-aid to the NGOs are released only on Government`s being satisfied about proper implementation of the project and utilization of funds. Funds are released on receipt of recommendations of the multi-disciplinary State Level Committee ftom the respective States along with the inspection reports submitted by the concerned District Collectors/Authorities,and the utilization certificates from the NGOs for the grants released in previous years. These measures are adequate to ensure that the grants to NGOs are judiciously spent.

(c) Does not arise.

(d)&(e) Since 2005-06,in order to streamline the funding to NGOs and their functioning,the Ministry has adopted a decentralized procedure for identification, scrutiny and recommending the cases ofNGOs,through a multi-disciplinary State Level Committee, in service deficient tribal areas in an order of priority.The procedure is reviewed by the Ministry ftom time to time.

(f)&(g) The Draft National Tribal Policy-2006 envisages the involvement of community in social activities by NGOs thereby playing a catalytic role in informing and empowering them.